

Docket No. A2011-53

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on August 23, 2011, the Commission received three petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the West Elkton post office located in West Elkton, Ohio. The petitions for review were filed by John and Sandra Prater, Richard Bair on behalf of the Gratis Township Trustees, and Jessica Compston (Petitioners). The earliest postmark is August 13, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than September 7, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: August 24, 2011

Attachment

August 12, 2011
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Ave NW
Suite 200
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As to considering the closing of the West Elkton Post Office in West Elkton, Ohio, very bad idea.

We are retirees and appreciate having a post office around the corner from our home.

It is not as easy for us to go 15 miles to a post office as it was when we were working.

We don't always have someone close by to take us and would you consider keeping it open for the older folks.

Thank you for listening and hopefully a positive answer.

John and Sandra Prater

John Prater
Sandra Prater

**GRATIS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
PREBLE COUNTY OHIO**

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Dear Sirs,

This is to inform your office of the wish of the Trustees of Gratis Township who represent the interest of many of the residents that the local Post Office services, that we want to protest your decision to close the local Post Office in the Village of West Elkton. Although the population of the Village of West Elkton is small, many of our residents, especially many elderly people rely on the easy accessibility for their Postal needs. We understand the tremendous pressure that is on the Postal system to bring its' deficit under control, but we feel that there are better ways to address this problem. Ideas that include closing on Saturdays and getting Congress to address the imbalance on future retirees benefit liabilities would help. These are ideas that are out of our reach, but because of these situations we are the people that are going to be affected.

We realize that we are just one of many Post Offices slated to be closed, but to a small community such as ours the Post Office in many ways is like the heart of the Village and surrounding area. In a time when the American people see billions of our tax dollars being spent in other countries trying to rebuild their infrastructure, we just don't understand why ours is being affected this way.

Sincerely,



Richard Bair
Gratis Township Fiscal Officer
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I am appealing the closing of the West Elkton Post Office, zip code 45070. I use this post office all the time. I have a mail carrier and it is awful. I never know when my mail will be delivered. Sometimes it's not until after 6 PM. I try to put money and a note out for the carrier saying I need to buy stamps and the carrier never takes the money or brings me any stamps. I put stamped mail out to be mailed, and it is still there in the box after the carrier has delivered mail. This is why I use the West Elkton post office. I buy my stamps there and drop my outgoing mail off there. Any time I have a question or need help with something, I go to this post office. I know there are many senior citizens that live in this town and are not able to travel to other post offices. How are they going to conduct their postal business??

Officer in Charge Jennifer Pierson is an outstanding employee. She always greets customers with a smile and is extremely pleasant and friendly. She is very knowledgeable and goes above and beyond to help you. I have even seen her address mail for senior citizens whose hands shake and they can not write addresses themselves. I have been to bigger offices and the attitude there is terrible. Workers are extremely unfriendly and just want you to do your business and get out of there as fast as you can. She has been the officer in charge of this office for almost 5 years and has not once missed work. She works 6 days a week. No matter what, she shows up for work on time. Even in bad weather, she walks to work to make sure the post office is open on time. She works when she is sick also, never asking for time off. She has worked at this office 17 years total. I think it is a slap in the face to her that the official closing letter states that no postal employee will be affected by this. So, Jennifer is considered as nothing?? That is the thanks she gets for working 17 years I guess. If this office is closed, I will take my business to UPS from now on and tell everyone I know to do so as well.

Jessica Compston

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